TOK ESSAY OUTLINE

RESEARCH QUESTION: **Can we know when to trust our emotions in the pursuit of knowledge? Consider history and one other area of knowledge”**

Introduction:

* How we acquire knowlegde/ our cultural, religious and personal influences
* Introduction of history as an AOK. Mentioning the rule of Idi Amin (ugandan dictator) and media influence on the years of his ruling as president.
* Briefly introducing ethics and humanities need to “do what is right” whether it be for ourself or for others.

Paragraph 1

* The rule of Idi Ami, uganda’s dictator.
* How it realtes to the AOK, history. Evidence of his “erratic behaviour” and ill treatment of his people.
* Including the way of knowing, sense perception. Media influence may have impacted people’s perceptions of him. The information could be biased, depending on who the report was by. (i.e: the country reporting it/ network company or newspaper.)
* Who society chooses to believe or what pieces of information they choose to accept.

Paragraph 2

* Using Hiroshima as another knowlegde issue.
* Can be easily compared to the rule of Idi Amin through societies interpretation of what ‘”really happened”.
* Information is biased, judging by who tells their story
* Cutural influences. So people of Japan are more likely to critisize the American’s. The US may try to justify their attack and could do with the full support of their people.
* Coming from neither of the countries, my perceptions of the incident are different and my views are not altered by an allegiance to any of the countries or an emotional link to them.
* Language as a WOK(through the media)

Paragraph 3

* Adding in ethics.
* The self interest theory explains human beings need to do what is in their best interests. So, in essence a good deed is only benefial to them
* Ways of knowing : emotion and reason
* Knowledge issue: a personal example